GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:94
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REORGANIZATION OF CAPART .
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has initiated or proposes to initiate any changes in the Council for Advancement of People`s Action and Rural Technology (CAPART);

(b) If so, whether the youths have been or are to be involved in its new structure;

(c) If so, the details thereof;

(d) Whether there is any proposal to train the youths there under;

(e) If so, the details thereof;

(f) The programmes through which awareness is being created or likely to be created among the rural people by these youths;

(g) Whether this scheme has been started in most backward areas; and

(h) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (h) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (h) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 94 for reply on 28.07.2006.

(a) to h) Fresh policy guidelines relating to schemes of Council for Advancement of People`s Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) have been issued. In addition to this, CAPART has prepared a scheme to train rural youth in life skills and employment generation skills. The scheme will be implemented in the most backward areas of the country. The trained youth will be linked to self/wage employment or will be attached to NGOs/Panchayats for a period of two years after the completion of the training period which will vary between four to six months depending on the nature of the skills to be imparted and will be attached to NGOs/Panchayat for two years after completion of the training, and supported by CAPART. The selected youth should be educated and local inhabitants of the village and should be from below poverty line families. It is expected that these rural youth will act as Resource Persons for the village to facilitate the community to access and demand government schemes and services, bank credit, create awareness about important rural issues so as to holistically improve the socio-economic conditions of rural society. Action for implementation of the scheme has been initiated and preliminary dialogue with the State Governments and NGOs of Jharkhand, Bihar, Karnataka, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have been completed.